## EL PASO IS SPENDING \$200,000 IN HEALTH CONSERVATION A

Naturally a Healthy City, El Paso Has a Trained Corps of Health and Sanitation Officers to Keep It So; Large Foreign Population Makes Constant Vigilance and Education Necessary.

T Will cost El Paso \$85,672 more collections are made every other day, during the coming year to maintain | In Highland Park, Golden Hill and the city health and sanitation detected week. partments than it did last year, according to the estimate placed in the city budget recently adopted. Over \$200,00 will be expended for health conservation and sanitation. Why? Because the city administration is determined that nothing shall be left undone that will promote health and manitation.

In Naturally Healthy. El Paso is maturally a healthful spot. Its wealth of sunshine and pure, ratified air is conducive to the well being of the highan hody. But because of these very conditions, the greatest care must be exercised in adopting preventive measures, for El Paso is a health resort to which the sick from the four quarters of the globe gather in search of health. Besides there is a large foreign population which has not been educated up to the virtues of sanitation and the exercise of the simpler methods of health conservation. Therefore, it is necessary to maintain a large sind efficient corps of inspectors.

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W. C. Klutts, the present city health officer, is causable and surrounding him. El Paso is naturally a healthful spot.

The Board of Health.

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Work in Mexican Section. The Board of Health.

Work in Mexican Section. As a result of the survey of Chihua-huits efforts will be made by the city administration to improve sanitary con-ditions. The grading of a number of streets in the southern part of the city and the opening of gutters to afford better drainage and do away with standing water after heavy rains may be considered a part of the sanitary work that has aiready been under-taken.

work that has already been undertaken.

The street and grades department is also giving consideration to the proposition of installing a storm sewer in the lower part of the district to take care of flood waters. Undoubtedly further sanitary sewer construction work will be done in the district and another year should see conditions improved in the Mexican quarter.

Early in 1815 the city inaugurated a free garbage collection system, and during the past year the work of this department, under the direction of B. J. Zabriskie, sanitary commissioner, was enlarged. From 90,000 to 100,000 pounds of garbage are collected each day and disposed of. The council is now working upon a sanitary ordinance that will further promote the efficiency of the department.

Large Garbage Force.

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The garbage department consists of a force of 55 men, 21 scavenger wagone, five dump wagons and two tank wagons, a total of 28 wagons. The territory in which garbage is collected extends from the filohe mills to Washington Park, and from the river to Lotizville street, on the north. In the distrier from the G. H. & S. A. tracks to Second street and from the union depot to Cotton avenue, collections are 
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civil service blue and gold badge in-

Most of Garbage is Burned.

Approximately 15 per cent of the garbage collected is burned at the city disposal plant. The remaining 15 per cent, consisting of ashes and other noncombustible waste is thrown on the city dump pile. Satisfactory results are being obtained from the incinerator, but some improvements are in contemplation. During the year a new engine was installed at the plant and new pipes were put in to better carry on the work of pumping the city's sewage into the river.

The sanitary work of the health department covers a wide field of activities. Free vaccination sorvice is maintained, and during the past few ments thousands of citizens have been vaccinated against smallpox. The department fumigates premises, although Most of Garbage is Burned.

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The Board of Health.

case, and when disease is found to exist the animals are condemned. Tests Made of Milk and Water. The bacteriological department makes tests of water and milk, diptheria specimens and specimens of other dis-cases, and chemical analyses are made of water, ice and milk. Dr. F. C. Lamb is in charge of the laboratory in which these tests are made.

merit.
In the office of B. M. Donaldson, resistrar, is kept a record of deaths and births. From this office also are issued burial permits. During the spring a grand jury conducted an investigation of the failure of many doctors and others to report deaths, as required by state law. As a result of the publicity given to the matter at the time the reports of deaths have materially increased.

1597 Dogs Executed. Two campaigns against unlicensed dogs was conducted during the past year by the garbage department as a result of which 25H dogs were caught and 1872 were executed. It is probable that during the present year a larger pound will be built and better facilities provided for the work of the dog outcher.

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Officers of the health department other than those above mentioned include: G. B. Calman, police surgeon, S. E. Stiles mest inspector; A. B. Warsener, dairy inspector; G. H. Peper, live stock inspector; B. F. Jenkins, chief sanitary inspector; and W. J. Ten-Eyek and G. Q. Willis, sanitary officers.

Thomas Connor is superintendent of the eruptive hospital, where smallpox patients are taken for treatment. The hospital is well kept and is an important part of the city health department.

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Appropriation for the Year.

The following amounts have been allowed for the carrying on the work of health conservation and sanitation during the coming year: Health department, \$16,920, an increase of \$810 over last year's hudget allowance; garbage collection, \$45,000, an increase of \$25,000 over last year; isolation hospital, \$5250, a decrease of \$120 under last year; disposal plant \$22,700. Other appropria-

## Togo and Little Aristocrat

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To Editor "Good Housekeeper Magazine," prominent thinker about painless child-

DEAREST SIR:-I am now quite a former employee of housework in home of Mrs & Mr Sinclair Van Casey, Salt Crock, O'Hio. In this dearle family I disacovered numberous high-toned qualities of nobility which was so agreeable to



"All young bass-ballers turn inward to me. I spank it, but No. 12 wound me considerable by brick-bat in seat of my stummick while Hon. Empire drownd me by hose betop of head."

my Japanese snobbery that I wished to remain but couldn't. Sorry.

When I emerged into that Van Casey home, compressed mansion of White House appearance, I could distinctually hear sounds of yellup, whoop, cry-baby, & angry agony.

Hon. Mrs meet me at door-porch with Hon. Martha Washington appearance of eyebrows. "What noise that, if could tell?" I ask to know. "Are it sounds of wounded eagle fight-

ing with wildcat?" "Rather not is!" she snibber. "That are my preshus son, Cortland Fauntleroy Van Casey, grieving because he can not pour milk into the phonograph. He are aged six, angel, inheriting wonderful will power from his godfather, Gen. Howelis."

"Congratulate!" Thusly I commence with chivalry.

"He are very aristocratic child," she renounce. "Which should be natural because we are 1st Family of Blossom County. We are noble & poor.

"My husband's ancestor were engineer for Hon. Chris Columbus," she say moreover. "As for me, I am a Swampnutt of East Orange. What wonder, then, that child Cortland Fauntieroy etc should be endowered with more virtues than others of similar age?"

"Nothing but miracles!" I appreciate. "One thing I more than others fear. Contax with crude childhood destroys refinement among high-up babies. Therefore he must not be permitted to play with lads of either sex

who are not his equals or superiors." "I am capable to think," are sweetish promus

Mr Editor, we have all been children sooner r later. This account for nearly all crimes. So I could excuse Hon. Cortland, perhapsly, when he play innocence game around kitchen, while painting canary-bird with lard, and attaching fiv-paper to exterior Tom cat. Also his brightness in pouring water down chimbley for see how nicely stove could explode were slightly unnoticed by me.

"Poor child! He got such scarce playmates," snuggest Hon. Mrs Van Casey while sewing up my wounds. "St George de Brie, aged like him, and very aristocratic, are now less often here because last time my Cortland fought duels with a brick. Little Gwenevere Stutterhoover, 1st family of Padooka, also come more seldomly because sweet Cortland dishcovered she got ancestors who sold shoes. Hard, hard, for child like mine to find equals or superiors."

"Maybe I shall find some breeds," are promus from me while looking out of window and dishcovering Hon. Cortiand setting fire to chicken-coop in backyard.

That p. m. I think with considerable rapidity about that Hon. Child and how he could not die from alonesomeness and yet keep his aristocracy out of my way. Soonly I took pities on him and tell him nice names for company, but he response by cry-baby reply, and explan how my face resemble nighthorse dreams.

When it was late that day Hon. Mrs go walk for Christianity among churchwork. Doing so she leave Hon. Cortland to care of my responsible fingers. Time pass. Pretty soonly I could observe him wearing handsom clothes while dragging garden-hose-squirter across backyard. "What to do?" I requesh, because fearful

"Common boys are playing base-ball in nex lot," he dib. "I shall wet them away because

about injuring him.

"This will be nice amusement for aristocracy," I manage, not imagining.

From window-pain I could observe how pitchballer was throwing to hat-hitter while insulting empire amidst boyish kitten-calls. I behold Hon. Cortland amount up to top-fence dragging garden-hoslery. Silences. Squirts. Loudy chome of yowell, snarrel, rebuke, and exclam from those common boys.

"Why you wet our gaming with squeich?" holla Hon. Team Capt in tough-tone soprano. "Because you come here and insult my highness by your lowness," snarrel Hon. Cortland, turning on more sprinkles.

Yowell!!

When nextly I look, all kidly athletes had scrambled over fence and what see? Considerable enraged base-ballers was holding Hon. Cortland from shower-bath by that brutal

I make war-cry peculiar to Samural saving homes, then I lept outward through window in middle of that squabbly mob. I pull apart that aristocrat child while he escape with reproaches shreeching through water. All youngly bass-ballers then turn inward to me. I spank 11, but No 12 wound me considerable by brickbat in seat of my stummick while Hon. Empire drowned me by hose betop of head.

Next I heard were ludy-cry from house-step. All urchinly children escape away by fence. Hon. Mrs approach up and annex my sopped coat-sleeve.

"What were you permitting my choice child do with those crude boys?" she exaggerate. "Playing," I demolish meekishly.

"What were he playing?" she remove.

"The hose," I manipulate.

"What you mean by?" she anagger. "Did not I told you distinctually not permit my Preshus associate with any but his equals and supe-

"You did those," I agree it.

"Then why you let him mix by such childbood?"

"Because they his equals and superiors," I ranig fearlussly.

"In what qualities, please?" she hissy like

"In all variaties of manners, high-spiritness, sense of humor, and etc. which your dearie son inherit from his ancestry." I push back while retiring from job quite destitoot. Hoping you are the same.

> Yours truly. HASHIMURA TOGO.

## ELECTRIC CARS AND MANY GIVE EL PASOANS RAPID

Modernly Equipped Electric Car Service Reaches Practically All Portions of the City and Extensions Are Being Made With a Cross Town Line; Jitnes;

Paso are equal to those of any city in the state or the southwest. The excellent street railway system, one of the best paying properties of the Stone & Webster syndicate, is supplemented by an independent motor bus service that operates to practically every section of the city and is under regulation to properly safeguard the interests of the public.

The El Paso Electric Railway company, one of the several Stone & Webster properties in Texas, is a thor-

creased revenue made necessary by the growth of the city, have resulted in lowering the El Paso tax rate six cents and increasing the taxable values 34.

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Resilies Property Values increased. The determination of the new administration took in the city of the city are increased and any other of the passage of the burden of taxation resulted in a material advance in valuations on most husiness property, on property in rapidity descripting and the property of the most part, home owners whose holdings are revenue producing, were not subjected to any increase. The bonder indebtedness of the city is \$3.15.900, and of the revenues of the sinking funds and to pay increase holdings are revenue producing property, and advanced its values to non-revenue producing property, in some instances the increase where corrections are the contract of the city are many tenement properties. The area holdings are revenue for the sinking funds and to pay increase. The some instances the increase holdings are revenue producing property, and advanced its values to some instances the increase area of the growth of the city are paying large revenue on the investment. The administration took the area paying large revenue on the investment. The administration took the city are paying large revenue on the investment. The administration took the city are paying large revenue on the investment of the city are paying large revenue on the investment. The administration took the city are paying large revenue on the investment of the city are paying large revenue on the investment. The administration took the city are paying large revenue on the investment of the city are paying large revenue on the investment of the city are paying large revenue on the investment of the city are paying large revenue on the investment of the city are paying large revenue on the investment of the city are More Than 56 Miles of Railway.

Exclusive of nine blocks of track now under construction on Pledras street, affording a new cross town line, the company owns and operates 56.15 miles of railway in and around El Paso. The city system proper is composed of 28.15 miles of track, reaching practically every section of the community with a frequent service. The service embrages the Washington Park line, which is the section south of the G. H. & S. A. tracks as far east as Washington park and Evergreen cemeiety; the Second Ward line, which serves the Mexican district south of San Antonio street and east of Oregon street; the Mexica line, operating between the business section and Justrez; a line to the smelter and cement plant districts up the river: lines operating over East Boulevard to Highland park, Manhattan Heights, Fort Bliss and Governsent Hill; a line extending north on Oregon street to the top of the mesa; a line running east on Arizona street to Golden Hill, and a line to Sunset Heights. The Mesa line also runs out on Mrytle avenue, augmenting the Park line service on that avenue to the intersection of Piedras with Tolarosa street, is the one large improvement undertaken by the company during 1815, and one of the most important undertaken for several years in its effect upon traffic between the districts lying north and south of the railroad tracks. The improvements how upder way will represent an expenditure of at least \$50.000.

Wife and Her Admirer

Bome, Italy, Jan 22.—A great sensation has been caused in Roman society by a domestic tragecy which resulted in the death of Capt. Fenoglio of the Royal Piedmont cavalry regiment, and mortal injury to the countess Salvincei, one of the most beautiful women in Rome.

Countess Salvincei was driving in an open carriage accompanied by Capt. Fenoglio, when suddenly a motor cardiful women who had been legally supparated, came rushing with great spend from the opposite direction.

Capt Fenoglio, scining the situation made a spamodic but vain effort to avoid a collision. The car deshed into the carriage was killed on the spot, and Capt. Fenoglio and his companion were hursed several yards.

The car was brought to a sudden standatill, and Signor d'Alessandro, slighting, fired his revolver three times at the captain, who was lying much bruised in the roadway. The next moment, rushing towards his wife, he stabbed her again and again in the face and in various parts of the body. Ultimately the police arrived and conveyed the two victims to the hospital, where Capt. Fenoglio died shortly afterwards. Countess Salvincei's condition is regarded as hopeless.

Thomas Fortune Ryan, the New York financier, when he was 17 years of age.

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Jitnes for More Than a Year.

El Paso has now had over a year of "jitne acrivice and has come to regard it as a permanent feature of the rapid transit facilities of the city. The jitne

Strictly Regulated, Compete With Car Lines.

Regulatory Measures Adopted.

measures. Just before the Kelly administration went out of office an ordinance was drafted and passed requiring motor bus operators to make a \$5000 bond. The ordinance, however, was never enforced, as it was repealed, and another passed by the Lea administration reducing the bond to \$1000 per car and \$50 per year license fee. In their application for a license, operators must designate the routs over which they intend to run, which routs they are required to stick to and to maintain a service at least eight out of it hours. The city reserves the right to refuse further applicants for a certain route, when, in the opinion of the traffic department the service is sufficient and an increase would work a hardship on those already maintaining a service. The ordinance also requires that chauffeurs pass an examination as to their knowledge of general and city traffic laws, their familiarity with the city streets, and their ability to operate an automobile. Chauffeurs under its years of age cannot receive a chauffeur's certificate.

All sections of City Reached.

The service reaches practically every section of the city. There are lines operating east on Montana street, Blues street, into Manhattan Heights, on Tularosa street, on Boulevard, up on the mess to Kerr Piace into Mundy Heights, out Magoffin and Alamseda avenues to Washington park, to the stockyards, to the smelter and to Yeleta. All discharge and reserve passengers at San Jacinto plana, from which central point the cars leave for the various sections of the city.

With the close of the year 1915, many of the operators failed to renew their licenses, with the result that there are now fewer cars in service than at the close of the year. However, the tumber is increasing daily and there are now over 190 cars in service.

British Social Life Is

#### British Social Life Is Assimilating the 200,000 Refugees From Belgium

London, Eng., Jan. 22.—Most of the 200,000 Beigian refusess in England have now been assimilated into English social and industrial life. About 20,000 refusess formerly of the well-to-do class are now maintained by hospitality, as are also a residue who are unable to look after themselves and are consequently maintained by the government in a camp on one of the local exposition grounds. Work has been found for practically all of the Beigian workmen, who number about 56,000 out of the 80,000 men refusees. There are now in England no Beigians who are fit for military service except those exempted for war work. Very few undesirables have been found among the refusees, and they were early taken in control.

relugees, and they were early taken in control.

In the early days of the war, the proposal was made to establish a separate Belgian oplony. But this fell through, and Belgians work under the same conditions as Englishmen. Three-fifths of the refugees are women and children, and of these large numbers are employed in factories and as servants and nursemaids.

Belgians now living as England's guests are composed partly of unfortunates of the lower class and partly of persons, particularly women, whose incomes have been cut off and of professional men past military age whose citents have been cut off and of professional men past military age whose citents have been scattered.

News Spreads Quickly In Trenches; Rumors Travel Often Hundreds of Miles

London, Eng. Jan. 22.—Officers back from the front often comment on the great speed with which news spreads along the line of the allies. One has only to start a rumor, especially a ridiculous one, in a trench in Flanders and with almost the velocity of lightning it will run along the trenches for hundreds of miles until it reaches the Swiss frontier at one end and the sea at the other. Beigians, British Franch and Senegals all pass it along equally well and nothing seems to stop it.

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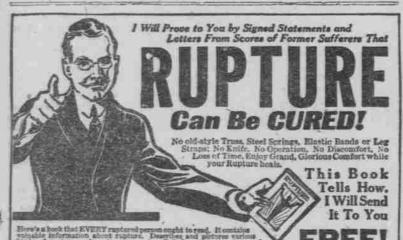
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Moderate Figures; Gain of More Than 200 Percent Is Made in Tax Valuations; Mostly Business District.

administration to effect a more amount, the distribution being as follows:

equitable distribution of taxation at the same time provide for an inased revenue made necessary by the with of the city, have resulted in ering the El Paso tax rate six cents increasing the taxable values \$8.

Charilles and corrections 18,096.88 and at the same time provide for an increased revenue made necessary by the growth of the city, have resulted in

Lowest Rate Since 1908.

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The present lax rate of \$1.80 is the lowest since 1905, when the same rate was in effect, and is six cents lower than it was in 1914 and eight cents lower than it was in 1914 and eight cents lower than in 1912. While the tax rate is the same as it was in 1908, the tax-able values are \$20,527,895 more, the valuations then being \$26,131,505, as against \$46,645,450 for the present year.

Assessed Valuation Gain Is Large.

The present assessed valuation in the greatest in the history of the city. The figures of the past 10 years tell a story of wonderful growth. In 1906 the valuations were \$15,522,575. This means that in 10 years the assessed valuations of the city have increased over 290 percent.

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18 twas hoped to reduce the tax rate to \$1.70. If the requirements of the city had been no greater than they were last year, it is said, this reduction could have been effected. The requirements for both the city government and the city schools bowever, were considers bly larker and it was found that no rate under \$1.80 would be sufficient to keep all departments of the city's activities going, while the large increase in the school attendance and the necessity for more shool buildings and teachers made it imperative that more money he appropriated for education.

Total Revenue Nearly Millies.
The present rate of \$1.50 will produce \$239.698.19 in ad valorum taxes. In addition, it is estimated that \$110.600 will be received from licenses, huilding permits and other revenues collected by the various departments, hringing the total revenues for the horizon of \$949,598.19. The budget has eity to \$949,598.19. The budget has

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